

What is claimed is:

1. A forgery-preventive identification medium comprising:
  - a substrate containing identification elements, and
  - a magnetic layer for magnetic signal recording, formed
- 5 at the predetermined portion of the substrate,  
wherein the magnetic layer contains at least a MnBi magnetic powder.
2. A forgery-preventive identification medium according to Claim 1, wherein the substrate is a paper or a plastic.
- 10 3. A forgery-preventive identification medium according to Claim 1, wherein the identification elements are metal fibers, metal-covered synthetic fibers, metal-covered glass fibers, or colored fibers.
- 15 4. A forgery-preventive identification medium according to Claim 1, wherein the MnBi powder has particle diameters of 0.1 to 30 µm.
5. A method for ascertaining the genuineness of a forgery-preventive identification medium of Claim 1 comprising the steps of:
  - 20 reading its identification information constituted by the identification elements,
  - recording the information in the MnBi containing magnetic layer as an inerasable recorded information,
  - reading the identification information and the
- 25 inerasable recorded information both of the forgery-preventive identification medium, and
- comparing the two informations.
6. A method for ascertaining the genuineness of a forgery-preventive identification medium according to Claim 5,

wherein a demagnetization operation is conducted prior to reading and comparing the two information.

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